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CARTEL: Field Project Outline

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FIELD PROJECT OUTLINE

PROJECT CRYPTONYM: Redbird/CARTEL

RECOMMENDED BY: []
Case Officer

[]
Chief of Field Installation

1. Munich, Germany
2. MUNI-1009
3. a) 1. The collection of positive and counter-intelligence from the Ukrainian SSR and from other regions of the Soviet Union which is already available to or can be obtained by the Ukrainian underground movement.
 - ii. The accumulation of information on the proportions, activities and present and future capabilities of the Ukrainian underground movement.
- b) 1. The development through the use of Ukrainian underground personnel as couriers and radio operators of secure channels of rapid communication to and from CARTEL 5.
 - ii. The accumulation of information on the status of the Ukrainian underground movement for use as a frame of reference in ascertaining the various ways in which the existence of this movement could have bearing on the course of an open conflict between the United States and the USSR.
 - iii. Specific targets to be determined by FDS.
- c) 1. The debriefing of Ukrainian underground personnel, other Ukrainians who have recently arrived from their homeland and the authorized representatives of the Ukrainian underground abroad in line with the objectives and targets outlined in "a" and "b" above.
 - ii. The training of suitable CARTEL 9 personnel in W/T, cipher, radio operation and elementary repair.
 - iii. The procurement of items listed below under Para 8.
 - iv. Liaison with the Air Force both in Washington and with USAFE A-2 locally to determine the feasibility of a night drop over the Western Ukraine during June 1950, to lay on the training program for the HIDER crew, procurement and servicing of the aircraft, dry run

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flights, etc.

v. The use of every reasonable technical means, including air drop dispatch method, for insuring that the trained radio operators plus the minimum essential communication equipment arrive at their destination.

vi. The planning of alternate methods of communication, such as the installation of an agent radio station operated by CARTEL 9 personnel in Slovakia near the Polish border, the use of the Voice of America for the conveyance of important information disguised as innocent text, the use of letter drops, etc.

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vii. The dropping to two separate groups of three couriers each on the same flight mission while the third trip is held in reserve:

First Trio: CARTEL 10
CARTEL 11.
CARTEL 17

Second Trio: CARTEL 13
CARTEL 12
CARTEL 18

Reserve Trio: CARTEL 14
CARTEL 15
CARTEL 16

4. CARTEL 1 MGMA-1037, 1148
CARTEL 2 MGMA-1171
CARTEL 3 MGMA-1007
CARTEL 5 MGMA-2147
CARTEL 6 MGMA-1243
CARTEL 10 MGMA-2106, PRQ-41
CARTEL 11 in preparation
CARTEL 12 in preparation
CARTEL 13 in preparation
CARTEL 14 in preparation
CARTEL 15 in preparation
CARTEL 16 in preparation
CARTEL 17 yet to be recruited
CARTEL 18 yet to be recruited

5. a) CARTELS 10 through 14 are presently isolated for training purposes in ABACUS 13. They are being supplied with Polish Guard uniforms (all speak Polish well), identity documents, etc. Their cover story (which will be used only if absolutely necessary) is that they are volunteer human guinea pigs for medical experiments.

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- b) The case officers in the field, [] and [], are known as representatives of American intelligence. Since neither case officer uses his real or any fictitious name, the CARTELS have assigned CARTEL 9 pseudonyms to both Americans: [] is known as "Khtri", Ukrainian for "sly", or as Mr. "H"; [] has been baptized "Tikhi-Dowhi" or "silent and tall". [] using the name [] is in contact with CARTEL 2.

6. a) CARTEL 1 is usually contacted in his own one-room apartment by appointment through CARTEL 3. The latter has the MOB agent phone number, but cannot himself be reached by telephone. When calling the office he uses public telephones only. CARTEL 6 is also contacted through CARTEL 3. Contact with CARTELS 10 through 14 is made at the safe house where they live. According to present plan, CARTELS 15 through 18 will also be quartered in this billet. CARTEL 15 has already been in this safe house for emergency identification purpose in mid-December.

- b) After the drop operation, provided that it is successful, the important communication link will be between CARTEL 5, who will use one or more of CARTELS 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18 to operate the radio, and LIMBER.

7. a) In General: All major CARTELS agree that in American might lies the Ukraine's only chance for achieving independence. In addition, CARTELS 1 and 3 agree that as a bankrupt organization unable to dispatch couriers to the Ukraine, and therefore out of contact with their parent organization, the in the emigration would be without a raison d'etre, if no help from us or any other western power is forthcoming. The CARTEL organization in Germany is under constant attack from their vociferous emigration opposition, under Bandera. Granted the above facts, plus the fact that CARTEL 1 has committed himself and his immediate group to assist CARTELS 10 through 14 to return to the Ukraine, we can enforce any demands we want to on the CARTELS for information, cooperation which they are reluctant to give, etc., on the basis that the prospective courier mission will not take place unless we get what we have asked for and they obey our instructions.

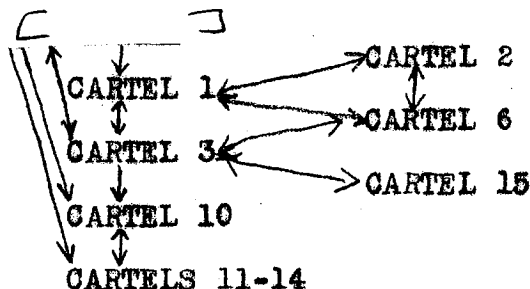
- b) Specific: CARTELS 3, 6, (and through 3) 10 through 14 are all under oath to obey CARTELS 2 and 1. The case officer usually gives whatever instructions he has through CARTEL 1 or 3. The normal chain of command among the presently active CARTELS under [] aegis works as follows:

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The relationship between CARTELS 3 and 10 is quite military; salutes are exchanged, CARTEL 10 stands at attention, etc. The relationship between CARTEL 10 and CARTELS 11, 12, 13 and 14 is the same as the normal relationship between a platoon leader and his platoon sergeants and troops. CARTEL 6 works as errand boy for CARTELS 1 and 3.

8. Partial list of special equipment needed for use:

a. Up until time of flight mission:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estim. cost</u>	<u>To be procured</u>
9 complete Polish Industrial Guard uniforms	\$250.00	5 already procured by COS, Karlsruhe
9 prs GI boots		6 prs already procured by COS, Karlsruhe
9 complete US Army uniforms (to be worn while on airfield)	None	To be borrowed from Army thru COS, Karlsruhe
W/T training equipment (amounts unknown to case officer)	None *	To be supplied Commo Section, Karlsruhe
S/W training equipment & supplies (of undetermined quantity)	None	To be procured from CIS thru C Karlsruhe
1 Rebecca-Eureka machine (for training purposes only)	None	Available in Germany
13 German machine pistols with four magazines each plus ammunition	- - - **	COS, Karlsruhe
13 pistols non-American plus ammo	- - - **	COS, Karlsruhe
10 custom made map and brief cases with shoulder straps	300 DM	To be made in Munich

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Estim. cost</u>	<u>To be procured</u>
10 pairs custom made black leather boots	600 DM	To be made in Munich
10 custom-made uniforms of GI material (see photos of CARTEL 7 and 8)	1100 DM (Tailor) \$110.00 (cloth)	To be made in Munich
10 one-piece overalls (similar to Air Force overalls)	- - - **	To be made in Munich
10 compasses non-American	200 DM	To be procured in Munich
10 rucksacks	200 DM	To be procured in Munich
10 hunting knives non-American	120 DM	To be procured in Munich
5 infra-red ray flashlights, 8 pairs of glasses	None	Probably available from Signal Cor in Germany
13 L-tablets	None	COS, Karlsruhe
3 complete TR-I's packed for burial	None	Commo Section, Karlsruhe
3 complete SSP-11 dynamos	None	Commo Section, Karlsruhe
3 repair kits for SSTR-I	None	Commo Section, Karlsruhe
Paratex (in sufficient quantity to wrap Commo equipment against breakage)	None	Since we requisitioned the last known quantity of paratex from Erding Air Depot last August, this will have to be supplied from the US in all probability.
3 sets of non-identical, reduced size cipher pads	None	Presumably will be made in Wash Commo Branch
9 Chronometers, non-American	\$198.00	5 already procured in Munich 4 to be procured in Munich.
Pencils, fountain pens, leather thongs for carrying machine pistols and hand-grenades, etc.	\$50.00	All available in Munich.

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b. During flight.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estim. cost</u>	<u>To be procured</u>
16 sterile parachutes, dyed medium dark green. (This number allows for one extra fitted chute for each jumper; if chute of snap-on chest pack variety can be procured, then only ten harnesses needed.)	- - - -	Necessity of procurement in United States deemed probable
20 flashlights for use in plane	60 DM	4 already procured, 6 more to be procured
12 thermos bottles	64 DM	4 available already. 8 to be procured.
Food at airport and other incidentals	\$50.00	To be procured in Munich

c. After drop.

4 digging implements	30 DM	To be procured in Munich
26 hand-grenades fragmentation variety, non-American	- - - -	To be procured through COS, Karlsruhe

* None stands for expenses not properly included under this project.

** Expense cannot be estimated at present.

9. a) Coordination with communications section in Karlsruhe and and communications branch in Washington on training, procurement of equipment, etc.
 - b) Coordination with A-2 USAFE, as outlined in Para. 3c iv above.
 - c) Coordination with ☐ ☐ on parachute jump instructions, etc.
 - d) Coordination with supply section, Karlsruhe, on procurement of specific items in Para. 8 above.
10. a) The radio training program should begin at the earliest possible date.
 - b) W/T training, etc., should ideally be completed by the

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end of May 1950 (thereby permitting the couriers to be back in the Ukraine prior to the annual policy conference between CARTEL 5 and his area commanders. This conference is scheduled for the end of June.)

- c) The aircraft and HIDER crews should be in full readiness by 25 May.
 - d) Trial run flights over the American Zone of Germany should begin around 25 May.
3. Trios 1 and 2 should be dropped during the first half of June 1950, if possible.

11. Estimated Cost:

	<u>Quarter ending 31 Mar 50</u>	<u>Subsequent quarte</u>
Compensation	None	None
Travel	600 DM	600 DM
Operating exp.	\$1040.00 (rations) 60.00 (up-keep of house) 45.00 (cigarettes) 658.00 (items under Para 8 above) 2,674 DM (items under Para 8 above) \$ 200.00 (unforeseeable exp.) <hr/> \$ 2003.00	\$1040.00 60.00 45.00 \$ 200.00 (unfor seeable exp) <hr/> \$1345.00
	3,274 DM	600 DM

Notice that under the quarter ending 31 March all equipment expenses itemized under Para 8 above have been included. This is to emphasize that these are one-time expenses. It will undoubtedly happen that some of the items will not be purchased until the second quarter ending 30 June 1950.

Rations expenses cover the ten "A" Rations drawn daily for ABACUS 13. Although only five persons are steady residents of the house at present, CARTELS 3 and 6 and either [] or [] often eat meals at this house during debriefing sessions. As soon as CARTELS 15 through 18 plus the W/T trainer arrive at this safe house, the number of rations may have to be increased to satisfy partisan appetites.

15 cartons of cigarettes are delivered to ABACUS 13 monthly. The sixty dollars per quarter will be reserved for maintenance of ABACUS 13, the furnace, electric stove, etc.

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*add 2 bottles of Whiskey per month
retroactive to Jan. 1950, per MGMA-260, 11 Apr 1950.
apt. 28, 1950. May*

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12. a) It will be noted that the CARTELS receive no compensation and want none, although here in Germany they are practically bankrupt and unable to recommence their publishing or any other financially worthwhile activities for lack of capital. CARTEL 1 has requested a 50,000 DM loan to be repaid over a thirty month period (see MGMA-1994), and the request has been approved (see WASHF-7875).
- b) As in the case of CARTEL 7 and 8, it will be imperative that a small sum of ROSES be sent along with each trio for emergency expenses. This does not mean that we are going to attempt to refinance the Ukrainian underground. The case officer suggests 36,000 ROSES to be divided equally among the nine men, i.e. 4,000 ROSES per person.
- c) The case officer has agreed to see that CARTELS 10 through 14 each: (a) get a thorough physical examination; (b) have their teeth repaired; (c) receive medical treatment for whatever curable ailments they may have. The medical treatment which the group has received since their arrival has not involved any expense as the result of a local liaison arrangement in Munich with the 98th General Hospital and the working agreement between COS, Karlsruhe and a military hospital in Heidelberg. Therefore no expense is envisaged.

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